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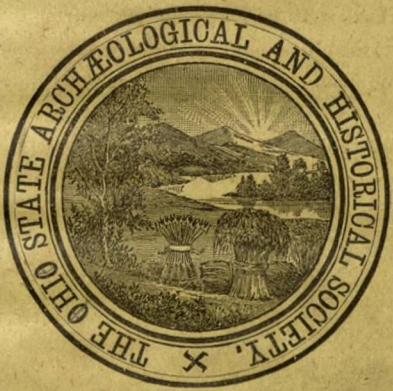
CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

OHIO STATE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



LIST OF

OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, CHARTER MEMBERS,

STANDING COMMITTEES,

GENERAL INFORMATION, ETC.

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THESE pages contain general information not only to members, but to those who may desire to become such. It is issued in the hope that every citizen of Ohio will encourage all laudable efforts to spread the usefulness of the Society, and induce as many as feel an interest in the history of our State to become working members.

A. A. Graham,

Secretary.

Organized as the Ohio Archæological Association, September 1, 1875. Reorganized, as the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, March 12, 1885. Incorporated March 13, 1885.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—ALLEN G. THURMAN.....Columbus.
1st Vice-President—HENRY B. CURTIS...Mt. Vernon.
2d Vice-P.—ROELIFF BRINKERHOFF..Mansfield.
Sec. and Libr'n—ALBERT A. GRAHAM..Columbus.
Treasurer—HENRY T. CHITTENDEN..Columbus.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(*For three years.*)

ALLEN G. THURMAN.....Columbus.
DOUGLAS PUTNAM.....Marietta.
JOHN W. ANDREWS.....Columbus.
HENRY B. CURTIS.....Mt. Vernon.
R. BRINKERHOFF.....Mansfield.

(*For two years.*)

W. P. CUTLER.....Marietta.
T. EWING MILLER.....Columbus.
W. E. MOORE.....Columbus.
N. S. TOWNSHEND.....Columbus.
H. T. CHITTENDEN.....Columbus.

(*For one year.*)

A. W. JONES.....Youngstown.
HYLAS SABINE.....Richwood.
H. A. THOMPSON.....Westerville.
ISRAEL W. ANDREWS.....Marietta.
JAMES S. ROBINSON.....Kenton.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ALLEN G. THURMAN	Columbus.
JAMES S. ROBINSON	Kenton.
H. A. THOMPSON	Westerville.
N. S. TOWNSHEND	Columbus.
T. EWING MILLER	Columbus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

JAMES S. ROBINSON	Kenton.
REV. WM. E. MOORE	Columbus.
HENRY T. CHITTENDEN	Columbus.

The Trustees are empowered to add other Committees, from time to time, as they may be needed.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS.

ALLEN G. THURMAN	Columbus.
DOUGLAS PUTNAM	Marietta.
JOHN W. ANDREWS	Columbus.
S. S. RICKLEY	Columbus.
HYLAS SABINE	Richwood.
E. B. FINLEY	Bucyrus.
CHARLES J. WETMORE	Columbus.
WM. E. MOORE	Columbus.
W. P. CUTLER	Marietta.
A. W. JONES	Youngstown
JOHN J. JANNEY	Columbus.
ISRAEL W. ANDREWS	Marietta.
JOHN B. PEASLEE	Cincinnati.
N. S. TOWNSHEND	Columbus.
D. H. GARD	Columbus.
S. C. DERBY	Columbus.
CHARLES W. BRYANT	Granville.
A. A. GRAHAM	Columbus.
E. M. P. BRISTER	Newark.
BEMAN GATES	Marietta.
W. A. SCHULTZ	Lancaster.
ALEXIS COPE	Columbus.
R. BRINKERHOFF	Mansfield.
T. EWING MILLER	Columbus.
H. T. CHITTENDEN	Columbus.
JAMES S. ROBINSON	Kenton.
HENRY B. CURTIS	Mt. Vernon.
H. A. THOMPSON	Westerville.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

The undersigned citizens of Ohio, having associated themselves together, and desiring to form a corporation not for profit, under the laws of said State of Ohio, do hereby subscribe and acknowledge the following articles of incorporation:

1. The name of such corporation shall be THE OHIO STATE ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

2. Said corporation shall be located and its principal business transacted at the city of Columbus, county of Franklin, and State of Ohio.

3. Said Society is formed for the purpose of promoting a knowledge of Archaeology and History, especially of Ohio, by establishing and maintaining a library of books, manuscripts, maps, charts, etc., properly pertaining thereto; a museum of pre-historic relics and natural or other curiosities or specimens of art or nature promotive of the objects of the Association—said library and museum to be open to the public on reasonable terms—and by courses of lectures and publication of books, papers and documents touching the subjects so specified, with power to receive and hold gifts and devices of real and personal estate for the benefit of such Society, and generally to exercise all the powers legally and properly pertaining thereto.

4. Said Society has no capital stock.

The Articles of Incorporation were signed by twenty-eight persons, whose names are given on page 2.

General Information.

Membership.—Any person, male or female, who signs, or authorizes some one to sign the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, is eligible for membership in the first three classes. Application may be made through any member, or direct to the Secretary.

Reference to the By-Laws will show five classes of members in the Society, whose conditions of membership are also given. When making application it may be well to inclose the fee for the class desired, and, if unknown to the Secretary or to any member of the Executive Committee, to give references.

All applications are referred to the Executive Committee, to whom is given the power of electing members. When approved by this committee a certificate of membership is returned, entitling the applicant to full privileges in the class to which he or she belongs.

Corresponding and Honorary members are admitted only at meetings of the Society, upon motion of members of the first three classes.

Each member is expected to take a *personal* interest in the Society; to aid all its efforts, and to secure as many new members as possible. The success of the Society and its usefulness depends on the members, and it is expected that they will keep the officers fully apprised of all matters of interest in their several localities.

The names and addresses of persons and of societies interested in the archæology and history of Ohio are particularly desired, and it will be a favor if all such are reported to the Secretary. The Society will have a record of every society and individual interested in these questions, and of every cabinet in Ohio.

We hope to excite in the common schools of Ohio an interest in the study of American history, and especially the history of Ohio. A movement will be inaugurated by the Society to properly celebrate the centennial of the "Ordinance of 1787," and of the settlement at Marietta—the Plymouth of the Northwest—April 7, 1788. An invitation will be given to the other States in the Northwest Territory, to assist in the celebration of the Ordinance of 1787; a "Charter of Liberty," affecting five of the largest and best States of the Union, and an instrument of which Webster, in his famous reply to Hayne, said: "I doubt whether one single law of any lawgiver, ancient or modern, has produced effects of more distinct, marked and lasting character than the Ordinance of 1787." It is not only the corner stone of the five States it created—it is the "Corner stone of Liberty!" Shall not Ohio, the first State to profit by its matchless sagacity, be the first to celebrate its worth?

The Society solicits donations for its cabinet and library, and will, in its rooms in the State Capitol, have a depository free from the dangers of fire. Persons having valuable articles are requested to correspond with the Secretary. If acceptable the Society will bear the expenses of transportation. Every article will be properly labeled. The rooms of the Society will be open daily for the entertainment of the members and their friends.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

A. A. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

ALLEN G. THURMAN,
President.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The members of this Society shall be known as Active Members, Associate Members, Life Members, Corresponding Members and Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. Active members shall be residents of Ohio, and shall pay annually, in advance, a fee of five dollars; shall be entitled to vote and hold office; shall receive free all annual reports, and all other publications of the Society, and have free access to the Museum and Library. Any person who shall annually donate articles acceptable to the Society, whose value shall be determined by the Trustees to be five dollars, shall be rated as an active member.

SEC. 3. Associate members shall be residents of Ohio, and shall pay annually, in advance, a fee of three dollars. They shall receive free all annual reports, and such other publications as the Trustees may direct. They shall have free acces to the Museum and Library. They shall not be entitled to vote nor hold office. Any person who shall annually donate articles acceptable to the Society, whose value shall be determined by the Trustees to be three dollars, shall be rated as an associate member.

SEC. 4. Life members shall pay the sum of fifty dollars. Such payment shall exempt them from all fees, and shall entitle them to all the privileges of active membership. Any person who shall make a donation, acceptable to the So-

ciety, whose value shall be determined by the Trustees to be fifty dollars, shall be rated as a life member. Life members may designate the purpose to which their subscription or donation may be applied not inconsistent with the laws of the Society.

All other such subscriptions shall be known as the Life Membership Fund, which shall be invested by the Trustees in safe securities, the income of which only shall be used.

SEC. 5. Corresponding members may be residents of any locality, and shall be persons who feel an interest in the Society and its objects, and are willing to aid it by representing its interests, and by securing donations for its Museum and Library. They shall receive free the annual reports and such other publications as the Trustees may direct.

SEC. 6. Honorary members shall be persons distinguished for scientific and literary attainments, particularly in the department of American history.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS—PAYMENT OF FEES.

SECTION 1. The admission of members in any class shall be decided by the Socicty at any meeting. Applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Society, and by him referred to the Executive Committee. If no objections be made the applicants shall be declared members.

SEC. 2. All fees shall be paid annually, in advance. A failure to pay for one year shall suspend the member, who shall be reinstated only by the payment of all arrears.

ARTICLE III.

GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The government of this Society shall be vested in a Board of fifteen Trustees,

who shall be chosen by ballot, immediately upon the organization of the Society. The first five shall serve for the term of three years; the second five for the term of two years, and the third five shall serve until the first annual meeting of the Society, to be held February 19, 1886, at which meeting, and at each annual meeting thereafter, five Trustees shall be elected for the term of three years. In case of a vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees shall fill the same until the next annual election, when the vacancies shall be filled by votes of the members. The Trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees shall elect a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and Librarian, and such other officers and agents as the proper management of the Society may require. They shall also appoint an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, and such other committees as may be from time to time needed. The Trustees may fix the tenure and compensation of all officers and agents, and may remove the same, whenever the interests of the Society may so require. They may adopt a code of By-Laws for their government, not inconsistent with the laws of this Society, and submit the same to the approval of the members thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT.—The President of the Board of Trustees shall be the President of the Society. He shall preside at all meetings of the Society; shall have a casting vote; shall appoint all committees, and shall perform other duties pertaining to the office. In his absence the senior Vice President shall serve, and in the absence of any such officer, any member may be called to the chair *pro tempore*.

SEC. 2. VICE-PRESIDENT.—There shall be one Vice-President of the Society in each Judicial District in Ohio, who shall look after the interests of the Society in his district, and who shall be the leading corresponding member in said district, to whom all local matters shall be referred, and who shall perform other duties incumbent on this office.

SEC. 3. TREASURER.—The Treasurer shall receive all payments of money—which shall be made payable to his order—and receipt for the same. He shall give bonds to the Board of Trustees, in such amounts as they may require. He shall keep accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and shall render an annual statement to the Society, and to the Trustees whenever they shall so require. He shall pay the current expenses of the Society, upon orders drawn by the Secretary and approved by the President, or by any member of the Executive Committee; but no other payments shall be made except upon the order and approval of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 4. SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the Society; give due notice of all meetings; furnish certificates to members; make out and forward all assessments and bills of the Society; attend to all the correspondence of the Society, preserving all letters received, and a copy of all written. He shall, on being advised of the death of a member, record the same, with the time and place of death, and report the same at the next meeting. He shall attend all meetings of the various Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees, and shall perform such other duties as the Trustees may direct. He shall make a written report of the operations of the Society, at the annual meetings, and shall, until the Trustees direct otherwise, perform the duties of Librarian.

SEC. 5. LIBRARIAN. — The Librarian shall

have charge of the Library and Museum; the care and arrangement of books, manuscripts, papers, maps, paintings, and all other property belonging to the same. He shall properly preserve, arrange, and keep them in good order, and shall prepare and keep a proper catalogue of the same. He shall keep a book in which shall be recorded all donations to the Society, of whatever nature, with the name of the donor and date of receipt by the Society; and shall also carefully label such donations with the name of this Society, and name of the donor. He shall not permit anything belonging to the Society to be removed from its rooms, except as provided for in the regulations of the Library and Museum. He shall report at each regular meeting the donations received since the preceeding meeting, and at the annual meeting shall make a full report of the condition of the Library and Museum.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meetings of this Society shall be held in the city of Columbus, on the nineteenth day of February of each year, when that date falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; when, however, it falls upon any other day of the week, then the annual meeting shall be held on the Tuesday following.

SEC. 2. The other meetings of this Society shall be held at such times and such places as the Trustees may direct.

SEC. 3. The President or any one of the Trustees shall call a special meeting on a request of any five members.

SEC. 4. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; any less number may adjourn.

ARTICLE VI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The order of business for each meeting shall be:

1. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. New members.
5. Reception of donations.
6. New business.
7. Reading of papers, or delivering of addresses, and discussions of the same.

At any meeting designated by the Trustees, one member (with an alternate) may be selected to read a paper or deliver an address on some topic of interest to the Society, at the next designated meeting.

SEC. 2. At the annual meetings of this Society, the annual reports of officers and committees shall be presented, elections of Trustees shall he held, and such other business as shall be necessary at such meetings.

At this meeting an evening public session shall be held, to be addressed by prominent persons who may be invited for this occasion.

ARTICLE VII.

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The Life Membership Fund shall consist of the fees of life members, unless otherwise directed by the donor, and shall be safely invested by ihe Board of Trustees, the income only to be used.

ARTICLE VIII.

LIABILITIES.

SECTION 1. No debts shall be contracted by this Society, nor by any of its Trustees, officers or agents.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting of the Society. Any amendments shall be proposed in writing, and shall, if required by a majority of those present, lie over for action nntil the next meeting.

BRIEF RESUME OF THE SOCIETY.

On the evening of February 12, 1885, a few gentlemen met at the Secretary of State's office to discuss the matter of a revival of the Ohio Archæological Society, whose operations had been suspended since the death of its last Secretary, Prof. John T. Short. After consultation a committee was instructed to issue a circular asking for a general meeting, March 12, in Columbus, of all those interested in the subject of the organization of not only an Archæological Society, but one whose scope should include the history of Ohio.

The responses from this circular were exceedingly gratifying, and a circular embodying the call was prepared and sent to all the papers in Ohio. Its publication was very general. It was followed by a circular enlisting the teachers. The suggestions regarding the centennial of the ordinance of 1787, and of the settlement at Marietta, in 1788, excited general interest. At the meeting held in the State Library March 12, a representative body of men were present from all parts of the State. The meetings by day and those at night were largely attended. Addresses were made by Gen. Brinkerhoff, of Mansfield; Dr. I. W. Andrews, of Marietta; Prof John B. Peaslee, of Cincinnati; Mr. W. P. Cutler, of Marietta; Hon. Henry B. Curtis, of Mt. Vernon, and Rev. Dr. Moore, of Columbus.

The organization of the Society was fully perfected Friday, the 13th, and the trustees and officers, as given in this folder, elected. The Society starts out under most favorable circumstances; about two hundred applications for membership were received, and if each member will take a personal interest in the Society's work, Ohio, which has been so tardy in establishing

such an association, will soon be among the leading States in this, as well as many other matters.

Its fields are richer than any other State in archæology, its history more replete; and if its citizens will support the effort now begun, its Society will be among the best in the Western States.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

The support of this Society is derived entirely from the fees of its members. Its Articles of Incorporation wisely preclude any debts, and, as considerable money will be needed to successfully prosecute the work, we hope responses will be prompt and numerous. Our Secretary devotes his entire time to the Society, and merits a regular support. We hope every member will use his influence to induce others to join the Society. A *united* effort will produce valuable results.

ALLEN G. THURMAN,
JAMES S. ROBINSON,
N. S. TOWNSHEND,
T. EWING MILLER,
H. A. THOMPSON,—
Executive Committee.

LOCATION.

The Museum and Library of the Society are located at the Ohio State University. The rooms of the Society are open from 11 a. m. to 12 noon, daily, at which time the Secretary will always be present. Should any one desire to visit the rooms at other times, application to the college authorities will secure admittance. The Secretary can be found every afternoon, from 2 to 5 p. m., in room No. 12 (near the south entrance) in the State House.

The *white* street cars run direct to the University.

A. A. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

[Residence, 202 N. Wesley Ave.]

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